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AMENDMENT

In the response to the Examiner's Action dated February 20, 2002, the Applicants in the above-identified application hereby submit the following amendmens and remarks.

REMARKS

I. Specification objections:

The Examiner has required that the 109 pages of paper appendices as filed on October 4, 1996 be submitted in microfiche form. It has been requested that the Applicants be permitted to submit the microfiche upon allowance of the claims or be permitted to amend the specification to specifically incorporate by reference Applicant's original application Serial No. 08/284,910, filed August 2, 1994 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,586,037 (the "'037 patent") of which the present application is a continuation. Notably, Applicant's '037 patent includes the entire 109 pages of the paper appendices.

II. Provisional Double-Patenting - Serial No. 09/493,800:

The Applicants note the Examiner's provisional double-patenting rejection in view of co-pending Serial No. 09/493,800. Any terminal disclaimer filed will be with respect to the later-filed application.

III. 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections:

The Examiner has also rejected claims 5-12 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the '464 patent (i.e. Ramsden). The Examiner has correctly noted that the Applicants have copied these claims as well as other claims from the '464 patent (see earlier